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Dear Mr. McCone:

It has come to my attention that you are withdrawing [Redacted] from [Redacted] for reassignment and that this apparently is due to allegations originating from within the [Redacted] that his activities here have not in every respect met [Redacted] requirements.

The news of these allegations comes as a distinct surprise, because from everything I have been able to learn, there have been no indications apparent to anyone in the Embassy of any dissatisfaction with [Redacted] on the part of the [Redacted] with whom he works. To the contrary, I know that he is highly regarded by many and that his efforts are considered both by the Embassy and by many [Redacted] officials to have been highly productive of improved understanding here of American viewpoints and of improved [Redacted] relations in general. For this reason, and because he is a member of my staff, I am naturally desirous of being certain that no injustice is being done to [Redacted] through possible misunderstanding.

If, on the other hand, the allegations are well founded, I consider it important that I know of the matter in full detail in order that I may assess its implications for Embassy activities in general. If [Redacted] is at fault, I feel that the [Redacted] manner of handling the matter has been unusual. I would want to consider what we should do to assure that this does not lead to a lessening of the close and friendly relations which we enjoy with [Redacted] because it could easily give rise to diminished mutual confidence in many fields.

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